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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. GERMAN MEDIA INCLUDING WIRE SERVICES ARE CARRYING REPORTS DATED WASHINGTON CITING OFFICIAL SOURCES THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT BONN AND BERLIN MAY 20-21. MEDIA ARE ALSO CARRYING REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON SECRETARY'S PLANNED SCHEDULE FOR OTHER VISITS BEFORE AND AFTER HIS TRIP TO GERMANY. IF QUERIED, FRG PRESS SPOKESMEN ARE PLANNING TO CONFIRM THAT THE US AND THE FRG HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT CONCERNING A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY FOR MAY 20-21, BUT PROGRAM PLANNING HAD NOT YET REACHED THE DEGREE OF DETAIL AND FIRMNESS FOR A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT. THIS IS OF COURSE A HOLDING ACTION PENDING FURTHER US/FRG DISCUSSION OF A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT. IN FACT, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WAS NOT REPEAT NOT QUESTIONED ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE (DANNENBRING) HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S TRIP.

3. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WANTS TO HAVE BREAKFAST ALONE WITH THE SECRETARY MAY 21 IF THE SECRETARY AGREES. THE CHANCELLOR HAS SUGGESTED EIGHT O'CLOCK AS THE TIME,
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BUT THIS IS FLEXIBLE.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER PREFERS THAT THE MAY 20 DINNER BE A STRICTLY WORKING AFFAIR. ATTENDANCE WOULD DEPEND ON US WISHES, BUT GENSCHER WANTS A RESTRICTED WORKING SESSION, NOT A BASICALLY SOCIAL AFFAIR. DAN-NENBRING DID NOT SPECIFY ANY NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BUT TOOK THE OCCASION TO ASK WHO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND WHOM DOES THE SECRETARY WANT TO HAVE AT THE DINNER.
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